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Every well-educated person is supposed to have some knowledge (of the general principles at least) of all Liberal Sciences, excepting that *particular one* in which alone he has any really great and personal interest. If people had a clear general acquaintance with their own internal machinery, with the nature of the several offices intended to be fulfilled by the several parts,—and if, with their mind's eye, they were enabled to look into themselves and behold the delicate and complicated mechanism, as it were every wheel in motion, every spring in operation, all working in concert, and all tending to one purpose, yet requiring only the slightest imprudent interference to throw the whole into disorder and confusion,—if they could see this, they could not but feel the importance of an intimate knowledge of the beautiful and unchanging laws which regulate the various organs; they could not but acknowledge that so beautiful, complicated, and wonderful a machine could only be regulated by the hand of the Almighty. It is justly remarked by Paley, that, "in every part of Anatomy, description is a poor substitute for inspection," and it is certain that every visitor will be struck with the truth of this remark. This full length model of "the human form divine" takes to pieces from *head to foot*. Among the many interesting demonstrations few are more calculated to make a deep and lasting impression on the young female mind, than those which show the evils arising from TIGHT LACING. The general effect of this exhibition will be to teach all to put implicit faith only in those men who have made the working of so complicated a machine as the HUMAN BODY, A LIFE STUDY.

Why Ought this Exhibition to be seen?—Because it presents advantages to the general student, which even the most splendidly endowed College in the land cannot offer. It presents an unparalleled opportunity of acquiring that species of knowledge which it is important that every man should possess. It gives ocular demonstration of the structure and principles whereon health depends—the greatest temporal blessing bestowed; it offers to the humble artizan opportunities of acquiring knowledge which a century ago the greatest noble could not command. Because it offers an unanswerable argument against Atheism: not only indicating with clearness a Creator, but proving him to be a Being of infinite wisdom, infinite benevolence, as well as infinite power.

Ought Ladies to visit this Exhibition?—There are numerous important reasons why man should understand the laws of health, but these are multiplied a hundred-fold in the case of woman, inasmuch as she is the nurse, trainer, and teacher of the whole human family. Unfortunately the trainer is untrained—the great teacher is herself

untaught. Through her ignorance of the organization of the delicate being committed to her care, and the influences peculiarly acting upon it, misery, distress, disease, are daily caused; infant life, to a fearful extent, is sacrificed; and her own constitution often undermined.

This Exhibition presents an UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY to Woman of acquiring knowledge *of the greatest personal interest to her.* Every lady, every mother more especially, ought to avail herself thereof. Let those who from fastidiousness or delicacy shrink from attending the present Exhibition bear in mind that excessive sensibility fosters ignorance, and ignorance opposes the laws of the Creator, the infringement of which alone causes the greater part of that suffering which in the bare contemplation is attended with acute pain to a well-regulated mind.

No mere description of the variety, extent, and artistic beauty of the Exhibition can do it justice; it must be seen to be at all appreciated. It has received the highest encomiums from professional authorities; out of many the two following testimonies are selected—the first, from the eminent Surgeon and Anatomist, ERASmus WILSON, Esq., F. R. S., the other from the benevolent and patriotic Dr. BIRKBECK, the founder of Mechanics' Institutes.

"I have no hesitation in expressing my opinion, that Signor Sarti is entitled to the patronage of an enlightened public, for the opportunity of valuable instruction which he has brought within its reach.

London, July, 1847.

ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S."

"TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

"My Lords,—I have had the pleasure of inspecting the principal parts of the splendid Anatomical Figures and separate Organs referred to in the accompanying petition, addressed to your Lordships by Antonio Sarti, the importer. To all the allegations respecting the accuracy and capabilities of these exquisite imitations of human structure I fully concede. I believe they are admirably calculated to extend the knowledge of Anatomy without creating difficulty or disgust, and that they are specially adapted to attract the attention and inform the minds of popular audiences, to whom, I may observe, it is the opinion of the best informed individuals of the Medical Profession, Anatomical knowledge ought to be imparted. Indeed, I have not the least doubt, that when these delightful productions of the Modeller in Wax are rendered accessible, they will be eagerly sought for the purpose of annexing to some great system of professional or popular instruction. I need not add, that I feel confident it will be found consistent with the spirit of the present enlightened Government to relieve these Works of Art, as instruments of Education, from all fiscal claims properly demanded upon imports of a merely commercial character.

I remain, my Lords, very faithfully yours,

GEORGE BIRKBECK."

October 23, 1838.

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